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(4). *Railway.*

45. Extension of the Railway to the Cape.

Mr. V. Arunachalam Pandaram (Member, Nagercoil Trading Classes) thanked the Government for the steps that were being taken to extend the Shencotta-Quilon Railway to Trivandrum and he prayed that the same might be further extended to the Cape. He said that, as the line would pass through thickly populated tracts and great commercial and industrial centres, it would doubtless be a paying concern, and he requested the Government to consider the matter favourably, as it had been brought before the Assembly on many occasions by different Members.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

46. Railway from Alwaye to Kottarakara.

Mr. Varkey Kora (Member, Ettumanur Taluk) said that the unique occasion of the Silver Jubilee of His Highness the Maha Raja's Reign, which was celebrated throughout the State with great pomp and splendour, should be associated in the people's memory with some permanent memorial, so as to commemorate the occasion for all time to come. The Member then proceeded to consider the form the memorial should take, and he said that the idea of connecting Kottarakara and Alwaye by a line of Railway to be called "the Silver Jubilee Railway" had received the unanimous approval of all classes of His Highness' subjects. He then detailed the scheme by which the Railway was to be brought into existence. A Joint-Stock Company was to be floated, with a capital of a crore and five lacs of rupees, divided into 7 lacs of shares of 15 Rs. each, to be paid up in three equal annual instalments of Rs. 5. He said that a large number of shares had already been promised to be subscribed for from various quarters and that M. R. Ry. Kerala Varma Avergal, the Valia Koil Tampuran, had promised to be the Patron of the Company. He requested that the Government should extend its help in the following directions, with a view to infuse confidence into the minds of the people from whom the shares were to be raised :—

(1). To exempt the Articles of Association, Rules, and Resolutions of the Company from stamp duty and registration fees.

(2) To conduct the necessary correspondence with the British Government to safeguard the interests of the Company.

(3) To take up all the shares that might remain unsold after two years, but not exceeding half the total number of shares.

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(4) To allow the Company to carry on all their money transactions through the Sirkar Treasuries.

(5) To allow the Company to deposit their unexpended amount in the Sirkar Savings Bank and to allow the Savings Bank rate of interest on such amounts.

(6) To permit all letters and money orders relating to the Company being sent through the Anchal, free of charge.

(7) To guarantee the purchase by the Government of all the shares that might be offered for sale by the shareholders.

(8) To publish in the Government Gazette all notices, prospectuses, rules &c., of the Company, free of charge.

(9) To give, free of compensation, the Sirkar lands on the line to be proposed for the Railway.

(10) To supply the Company with the necessary timber for the construction of the Railway, free of cost, from the Government Forests.

(11) To grant loans to the Company, whenever and to the extent required, at the Savings Bank rate of interest.

(12) To confer Honorary Magistrateships on deserving officers of the Company, if it be deemed necessary and unobjectionable.

(13) To confer titles of distinction on those who took 200 shares and more of the Company at a time or helped the Company in other ways.

(14) Generally to advise, help and co-operate with the Company and to take the lead in all matters undertaken by the Company.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

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V. PUBLIC HEALTH, MEDICAL AND SANITARY.

(1). *Town Improvement Committees.*

47. ***Necessity for enlarging the powers of the Town Improvement Committees.***

Mr. K. C. Mamman Mappillai, B. A. (Member, T. I. C., Kottayam) said that the Town Improvement Committees were much handicapped in several ways and that that circumstance detracted from their being the useful bodies that they were expected to be. Their staff was very limited and was below the minimum requirements. The control over the staff also rested with the Presidents and not the Committees. The committees had no power to revise or re-distribute the staff, not to speak of making any additions to it. The Committees were always short of funds, and neither the balance to the credit of the Town Funds nor the annual grants sanctioned could be utilised by